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SUBJECT: ELYSEE COMMENTS ON DJIBOUTI

REF: ADDIS ABABA 4777 (DTG 201245Z APR 76)

1. MEMBER ELYSEE'S INTERNATIONAL STAFF CONFIRMS
IMPRESSION ADDIS' EXCELLENT REFTEL THAT ROUND-TABLE OF
TFAI POLITICAL FACTIONS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD SOON IN
PARIS, PROBABLY IN "NEXT TWO WEEKS." WHILE OUR SOURCE
EXPRESSED CERTAIN "HOPE" ROUND-TABLE WOULD SUCCEED IN

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BROADENING THE BASIS OF POLITICAL CONSENSUS IN DJIBOUTI,

WE TOO CONTINUE SENSE FRENCH UNCERTAINTY OVER PROSPECTS.
ELYSEE SOURCE EMPHASIZED THAT KEY ROLE IN SHORT AND
LONGER TERM WOULD OF COURSE BE PLAYED BY SOMALIS, AND
BEHIND THEM, BY SOVIETS. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT
GOF IS LIKELY TO DECIDE TO MAKE FURTHER MAJOR EFFORT
DURING GROMYKO'S VISIT TO PARIS NEXT WEEK TO STRESS TO
SOVIETS THE IMPORTANCE GOF ATTACHES TO SOVIET EFFORTS,
PARTICULARLY WITH SOMALIS TO ASSURE PRESERVATION OF
FUTURE TFAI INDEPENDENCE. THIS POINT WAS ALSO MADE TO
US BY ONE OF SAUVAGNARGUES' IMMEDIATE ASSISTANTS.
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